

## Town Council Meeting: 14 March 2005



Town of Garrett Park  
PO Box 84  
4600 Waverly Avenue  
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council  
Garrett Park Town Hall  
10814 Kenilworth Avenue  
Garrett Park, MD 20896

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### **MINUTES**

#### **Call to Order:**

Mayor Shawaker called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Altar, Bennett, Keller, Quigley, and Wegner, Administrator Pratt, reporters from the Bugle and the Gazette, and a number of Town residents.

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

Councilmember Altar **MOVED**

That the Agenda be amended by striking the first action item regarding the Town Administrator's evaluation and adding an Executive Session at the close of the regular meeting to discuss this matter. Councilmember Wegner seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

#### **Presentations by Citizens:**

In response to a question about signs on public property, particularly around Penn Place, the Council briefly discussed the issue of managing signs. The Mayor asked the members of the Council to reflect on their position on this issue.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Shawaker reported that the new pedestrian light at Strathmore and Kenilworth would soon be in operation.
- The Mayor also informed the Council that a picture hanging mechanism would be installed in the street-level lobby at Penn Place in order to allow the display of works of art from local artists, and that she had asked Jane Salomon to head up a small committee to develop displays.
- Mayor Shawaker announced the first of a series of morning tea & coffees for residents, to be held Monday 4 April at 10:30 a.m. in the street-level lobby at Penn Place and that on Thursday, 17 March, the Women's Club would be hosting a reception in honor of former club president Bonnie Tyler's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, also in the street-level lobby.
- The Mayor reported on a meeting held recently to present the preliminary plan for the development of the ASHA property at the corner of Strathmore Ave and the Rockville Pike.

Approved at the 11 April 2005 Town Council Meeting

### **Councilmember's Reports:**

- Councilmember Quigley reported on the WSSC meeting regarding the proposed new water main. She reported it was unlikely to affect Garrett Park directly.
- Councilmember Altar reported that development of the Town email list was proceeding well.
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### **Approval of Minutes:**

Councilmember Keller **MOVED**

That the minutes of the Council meeting of 14 February 2005 be approved as distributed. Councilmember Altar seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

### **Action/Discussion:**

- Ordinance 2005-02: Introducing the FY '06 Operating & Capital Budget: Town Administrator Pratt presented the draft FY 2006 Budget ordinance. After a brief discussion it was agreed to attach a detailed draft budget to the meeting minutes and to make a few minor stylistic adjustments to the circulated draft. Councilmember Keller **MOVED**

That the adjusted draft of Ordinance 2005-05 be introduced.  
Councilmember Altar seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

- Appointment of Election Judges : Mayor Shawaker asked that the Council ratify her appointment of Election Judges: Barbara Shidler as Chief Judge, Betty Runck and Susan Frant as Judges, and Donn Mader as Alternate Judge. Councilmember Keller **MOVED**

That the Council ratify the Mayor's appointment of Election Judges.  
Councilmember Wegner seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

- Appointment of the Infrastructure Committee : Mayor Shawaker announced she had appointed an *Ad Hoc* Infrastructure Committee with Chris Fischman, Donn Mader, John Bennett, Susan Frant, Dave Almy, and Tony Altar as initial members. The Mayor would be working with Administrator Pratt and committee members do develop a charge and scope of work.
- Authorization to Join Montgomery County Electrical Supply Aggregation; Mayor Shawaker reported that the Town had the opportunity to join the Montgomery County electrical supply aggregation. After some discussion Administrator Pratt was asked to look into maintenance issues. Action was deferred until more information was obtained.

### **Town Administrator Report:**

Town Administrator Pratt asked if there were any questions regarding the Monthly Financial statements. He noted that inadvertently the old FY 2005

budget was listed in the summary, and that this error would be rectified in the March reports.

**Adjournment:**

Councilmember Keller **MOVED**

That the regular meeting be adjourned and that the Council re-convene in Executive Session for the purpose of a performance evaluation of the Town Administrator. Councilmember Wegner seconded the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[ Town Seal ]

Edwin Pratt, Jr., Clerk